constant endeavour to uphold the rights and privileges and the dignity of this House and every Member of this House because if you do not uphold this dignity, the rights and privileges of this House, then there would not be any platform on which we can erect our edifice of democratic Government. And in this, I hope you will lend me co-operation, support and goodwill in the same way you have offered me such overflowing goodwill and support when you elected me to this high office. I want to thank you for the very generous words, encouraging words you have said today. And I also want to thank you for something which was behind it, the support you gave me for my election to this high office which I had never dreamt of, never. Thank you all.

Now the Question Hour is over. Now Papers to be laid on the Table of the House—Secretary General.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Farmers' demand for increase in the export quota of cotton

*21. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of one lakh bales of cotton brings about Rs. 60 crores in foreign exchange, but value addition through manufacture of yarn brings 50% more, and in case of garments 400% more foreign exchange;

(b) whether Government proposed to accept the farmers' lobby demand for higher quota of export of cotton or Government would prefer value-addition of cotton through yarn manufacture or garment manufacture; and

(c) what is the estimated production of cotton during 1992-93 and export quota of cotton?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir, depending on varieties/items.

(b) It has always been Government's endeavour to promote export of value-added products. However, while, releasing the export quota for cotton, government's objectives are stabilisation of prices in the domestic market, provision of remunerative prices to cotton growers and to maintain India's presence in the international market as a stable supplier.

(c) The details of estimated production and export quota of cotton during 1992-93 are as follows:—

| Production | Export Quota |
|---|---|
| 120-125 lakh bales | 5.00 lakh bales (Quota released so far.) |

### Inadequate stock of medicines with C.G.H.S. dispensaries

*22. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.G.H.S. dispensaries do not have adequate stock of medicines; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to augment supplies?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir: Generally, C.G.H.S. dispensaries have sufficient stock of medicines. However, in order to meet any occasional shortages, certain local chemists have been recognized at different locations from where direct purchases can be made by the dispensaries. The dispensaries are periodically inspected by concerned officers.